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"England is the mightiest and grandest Power which has ruled Egypt from the beginning of history. She is by far the most eminently just and reforming of all Governments hitherto known in the Valley of the Nile which now belongs to England by right of conquest and treaty. And England's King, besides being the most powerful advocate of peace and good-will among nations, is the supreme head of our present Government. Surely, if we are by duty or courtesy bound to celebrate the accession day of the Sultan in virtue of an old and decayed usury, or of his vassal who is H.H. the Khedive, we are doubly bound both by duty and by courtesy to give the same public salute to the birthday of the King who holds the destiny of Egypt in the hollow of his nation's hand. By celebrating the 9th of November in a becoming manner Egypt will be in reality celebrating her own exit from the era of former despots and marking her appreciation of the present wholesome regime.  
"We enter into the spirit of our correspondent and venture to think that the majority of enlightened and impartial Egyptians will welcome the happy suggestion, for those who are at heart enemies to England and her King here ought to be few indeed. We think that such a celebration, if it is to become a fact, had better be international, and include among the active co-operators of its committee men of several nationalities. The British Occupation has brought security to persons and interests both foreign and Egyptian, and an international celebration of the King's birthday is a right and fitting demonstration which should not have been left out of sight all these years."  
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CAIRO'S BEGINNINGS.

THE KHITTAHS OF FUSTAT.

By JOSEPH OFFORD.

Under the title of "The Foundation of Fostat and the Khittahs of that Town" Mr. A. R. Guest in the "Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society" has presented a most interesting description of the foundation of the new Mahometan capital for Egypt, as a result of the Arab conquest.

The portions of Mr. Guest's essay relating to the Arab authorities for the foundation of the city and for the date which is apparently A.D. 642 and 21 A.H., which year is also, it now appears, the correct one for the surrender of Alexandria, can only be referred to here. The important evidence adduced by Mr. Guest to which the attention of our readers should be specially directed is that the Khittahs of Fostat were really the portions of ground occupied by the Arab warriors under Amr during the investment of the Roman Babylon. It appears that land upon which an individual or his family or retainers had camped after the Moslem entry into Egypt, and which he, or any member of his family or followers, continued to occupy for him, became his property, at any rate so long as he himself or his representative remained as tenant.

The tenancy of certain plots was continued during the siege, and when the warriors left for the Delta and Alexandria campaign, after the surrender of Babylon, they doubtless left relatives or dependants on the ground of what was to become Fostat. When Amr returned to Cairo he does not appear to have interfered in any way in parceling out the terrain of the new city with the view of making accessible thoroughfares in it, but simply left the possessors of the various plots on which their tents were pitched during the siege, to remain holders thereof and erect edifices thereupon.

The origin or derivation of Khittah seems to be somewhat doubtful; it appears to be connected with the idea of "marking out" with a line. Its general meaning is a holding or plot and in the case of Fostat may be perhaps most clearly, to us, represented by the "claim." But whatever the most direct sense of the word was, it carried with it the idea of original, or earliest, allotment. A Khittah in any city was a plot whose dimensions had remained identical since it was first marked off when the town arose upon the site.

The meaning of Khittah so far given is that of individual holdings, but the word was also used in a wider sense. Thus, all the family Khittahs of one tribe would amount to a large area which might be alluded to as the Khittah of that tribe. Or, a collection of closely related families, a sort of sub-tribe, might be said to have a Khittah, which would mean a section containing several separate family Khittahs. Some of the collective Khittahs however do not comply with these rules, for they included families of various tribes. These were accounted for in various ways; some consisted of a number of families compelled to combine in order for their Khittah to have sufficient members to be entitled to a separate muster in the Divan. Another consisted of parties who arrived late, and so finding the other Khittahs fully populated remained together and founded a supplementary one. But most of the irregular mixture of families in the Khittahs evidently arose from their having been originated by the military organisations of the besieging camp. The soldiers who for army purposes were brigaded, or encamped together, remained united, subsequently as tenants of the ground their tents had covered. It is plain that each Khittah was supposed to be somewhat approximate in size, and in the number of its inhabitants to the others, hence the larger tribal territories were subdivided into several collective, or sectional Khittahs, whilst the very small tribes or families combined to make the requisite ample sectional Khittahs for themselves.

It is this view, that the army camping ground was the origin of Fostat and its Khittahs, is correct, it is obvious that from a study of them and the persons who dwell therein a good idea can be formed of the numbers of that army, and the different parts of Arabia that were represented by the soldiers who composed it.

The names of the Khittahs were preserved until the times of El Magriz and Ibn Dugmag, who appear to have copied their lists which give only the collective, or sectional ones from a common source.

An interesting fact, derived from a study of the sites of the original Khittahs, is that the Nile was further eastward than now, so that Rodah island was almost in mid-stream. The river in fact in the time of Amr ran over what is now a width of about 250 metres of its present eastern bank. Rodah island also then extended much further to the south and, Mr. Guest thinks, was much shorter at its northern end. As the river receded from its eastern shore it of course eroded the western, or Ghizeh bank, and now flows upon that side over what a thousand years ago was dry land.

Our space will not permit us to explain the topography of the 49 Khittahs whose areas are more or less identified by the painstaking researches of Mr. Guest. The chief one was the Khittah Abier Rayah, wherein was the Mosque of Amr, the two houses erected by him, and those occupied by his kindred and adherents. The most northern of all the Khittahs was that of Yashuk, which is marked by the Mosque of Ibn Taltan. The map added by Mr. Guest to his paper enables all his statements to be easily followed, and shows the primitive plan of Fostat clearly. The length of its site appears to have been about 5000 metres, whilst its width, limited probably by the necessity of being near the Nile for the sake of obtaining

water, was about 1000 metres. Though to the north it extended eastward past the Mosque of Ibn Taltan almost to the Sultan Hassan Mosque and western side of the present citadel square.

It was not all covered with habitations, the author proving that there were numerous open spaces, in addition to the market places. At the commencement of the erection of permanent edifices, in place of the primal tents of the invaders, there was but one small public bath, said to have been built by Amr himself, the Hammam-el-Far. Later two others, the Hammam Wardan, and Basr Artah, were added.

The first appearance of Fostat was evidently merely a long straggling colony of mean houses and hovels, and even for some time perhaps of semi-nomad Arab town to-day. They were arranged loosely and with average density except around the Mosque of Amr, which as the site of the central authority would probably be somewhat more crowded with buildings or shelters. The Mosques, which however were at first certainly but very poor specimens, would be the only buildings distinguishable from the rest, and the whole presented an appearance of squalor and temporariness rather than the abode of conquerors of the country.

MINING IN NORTH SYRIA.

Mr. H. Z. Longworth, his Majesty's Consul at Aleppo, reports that the vilayet of Aleppo abounds in mineral ores, some specimens of which analysed in Europe, show richness. The deposits have yet to be prospected, opened out, and developed. Not a mine is being seriously worked, owing to lack of capital, good roads, cheap transport, and Government facilities. The following minerals are known to exist abundantly in the indicated localities: Silver, 18 miles north west of Marash; copper, 17 miles south-east of Aleppo; iron, 12 miles west of Zeitun; and coal, 70 miles south-east of Aleppo. Antimony, manganese, chrome, boracic, and bitumen are found in the mountainous neighborhood of Alexandretta, gypsum round Lake Jebel, and tulle's earth close to Aleppo and Killis, besides red, yellow, and black marble quarried near Aleppo, Killis, Marash, and Aintab.

Calendar of Coming Events.

- ALEXANDRIA. July. Wed. 24 St. Catherine's College, Prize Distribution. 4 p.m. by Acting French Consul. New Alhambra Theatre, "Man'selle Nitouche," by the Lombardo troupe. San Stefano Casino, Grand Symphony Concert Every afternoon at 5.30 p.m. Windsor Hotel, Open-Air Concert by the Ludovic-Rivier orchestra 6 p.m. to midnight. Fronton "Jai Alai" Pelote Basque. 6 p.m. Urbanora Cinematographic Entertainments 6.30 and 9.30 p.m. Cinemaphon Aziz and Dorès, old Ramleh Station 6.30 & 9.30. Pathé Cinematographic entertainment 6.30 and 9.30 p.m. Bains du Mex Bohème Orchestra, Tour Eiffel. Variety Entertainment. 9.30. Crown Casino, Ibrahimieh. Variety Entertainment. 9.30 p.m. The Lifonti Concert Rooms: Grand Evening Concert, 9.30 p.m. Eldorado. Music-Hall. Varieties. Sat. 27 Alexandria Swimming Club, Boat races Marina, 3.15 p.m. Sun. 28 San Stefano Casino Classical Concert. Pigeons Shooting Club Gabbari. 2.30 p.m. Tour Eiffel, Matinée. 4.15. Eldorado, Matinée. 4.30. Cinemaphon Aziz & Dorès, Performances 4.5.30, 6.45.

- CAIRO. July. Wed. 24 Ezbekieh Gardens Theatre, 9.30. Theatre des Ambassadeurs 9.30. Fri. 26 Ezbekieh Gardens, Military Band 9 to 11. Sun. 28 Zoological Gardens, Ghizeh Boys Band. Afternoon. Tues. 30 Ezbekieh Gardens, Military Band 9 to 11.

MILLIONS A BEGGING. Many romances are told of unclaimed legacies in the British Chancery's treasury, but says the "Newcastle Chronicle" Paris correspondent, it may be doubted if British records yield anything equal to one which is now being revived in the Paris Press. This is now being revived in the Paris Press. This is now being revived in the Paris Press. This is now being revived in the Paris Press.

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CAIRO AND PARIS.

COMPARATIVE MORALITY.

In our issue of Tuesday we gave an extract from "Al Minbar," wherein the Editor, Hafiz Awad, who is now in Paris, deplored the low morality of the French capital as compared with the purity prevailing in Cairo. This comparison has naturally called forth a reply from Frenchmen inhabiting Cairo. "Le Cairoite" in the course of an article in the "Journal du Cairo," remarks:

Non, non, jamais l'Orient n'atteindra ce degré de débauche. Si vous voyiez notre Cairo, voilà la ville pure par excellence, celle où l'on n'a pas à rougir du spectacle de la rue! Le ménage de la main gauche y est complètement inconnu: le harem est un sanctuaire dévolu dont l'ennemi est le grand-père. La du moins, on peut éprouver la fierté de la jalouse, sentiment noble, s'il en faut. Et les mœurs? Quelle simplicité antique! On y rencontre partout l'amour de son semblable. On a bien de temps en temps quelque intrigue en ville avec une séduisante courtisane, mais cela ne se voit pas, tout se passe dans la coulisse, derrière le paravent, on a du moins l'hypocrisie pour soi.

Et nos rues, quelle débauche! Quel mari hésitera à promener sa femme dans le vicieux quartier de l'Ézbekieh! Quel père, sa fille et il y a comme une odeur de fleur d'orange dans l'air qu'on y respire, et cela en plein centre, à la portée des familles. Aux fenêtres toujours ouvertes, (car il n'y a pas comme en France de ces infâmes maisons closes, honte d'une cité), la lampe familiale brille. Des jeunes femmes, en toilettes couleur de printemps, rêvent accoudées sur les balcons, et le passant s'élance, s'oublie parfois à s'arrêter pour les contempler. C'est un délice que d'être en train de nuptes brûlantes, et d'hiver, le touriste y puis des sensations dont il garde longtemps le souvenir. Voilà le grand charme de notre Cairo, mais Paris! Paris! ah! pouah! pouah! Vous avez raison, cher Monsieur, l'Orient, et en particulier la Capitale de l'Égypte, ne peuvent plus atteindre l'impudence de la Capitale française, parce que, voyez-vous, il y a beau temps que c'est chose faite, que le maximum est obtenu, et qui plus est, toléré. C'est toujours la même histoire, celle de la paillle et de la poutré, vous savez bien. Le Cairoite.

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SYRIAN TRADERS.

The Governor-General of French West Africa has received representations recently to take measures against the Syrian traders who are to be met with throughout French West Africa, but, above all, in French Guinea. These Syrians, the first of whom have not been settled in that part of the Dark Continent for more than a dozen years, are now very numerous, and the European merchants complain strongly of the privileges they enjoy and of their methods of doing business. One of the advantages they possess is the facility to land without permission of the authorities, who are entirely ignorant of their position, antecedents, morality, and means of existence. As these people are frequently afflicted with contagious diseases, it is considered that their presence is dangerous to the general health of the community.

On the other hand, it is claimed that the Syrians, although only supposed to be pedlars, conduct rather important business transactions. It is even said that they often use fraudulent means of carrying on their operations of exchange with the natives. In the course of a journey which M. Roume recently made in Guinea for the purpose of opening a new branch line, serious complaints were made to him about the Syrians. While quite recognising the danger, the Governor replied that there was no law which would permit of his taking special measures against them, but, without using reprisals, he could make them conform to common law.

One cannot help but think, therefore, that the merchants of the Ivory Coast are going to obtain satisfaction as regards this question.

WAYBACK TIMES.

The young lover of old Egypt was in despair. "And to think," he wailed, "that I should lose everything I had trying to corner the fig market. Now I do not know when we can be married. Why, I haven't even a house." The beautiful daughter of the Nile smiled reassuringly. "Cheer up, my dear," she whispered, "you can build the house yourself!" "But where is the material?" "In our date garden. You know each of your love letters was inscribed on a brick. I have saved them all. Now get your overalls and go to work." Thrifty indeed were the daughters of old Egypt.—Chicago News.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Table with columns for Station, Max. temp., Min. temp., Wind, and Remarks. Includes data for Alexandria and other stations.

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COTON

Table showing cotton exportation data for the month of June 1907, including destinations like Anglet, Buenos Aires, and others with corresponding values.

Present coteurs 928, 431.54. N.B.—Desse les expéditions pour l'Angleterre sont comprises balles 4 696 à destination des Etats-Unis.

Table titled 'GRAINES DE COTON' showing prices of cotton seeds from 13 to 19 July, categorized by type and quality.

Table titled 'Prix Officiels du Disponible' listing official prices for various cotton grades such as 'Pair', 'Fully fair', and 'Good fair'.

Table titled 'ASSOCIATION DES COURTIER EN MARCHANDISES' listing exchange rates for various commodities like 'Novembre', 'Janvier', and 'Mars'.

Table titled 'COALS' listing current prices for different types of coal from various sources like 'Newcastle', 'Sourin', and 'Yokohama'.

Table titled 'PRIMES DES CONTRATS' showing contract premiums for cotton, with columns for 'Coton', 'Liv. Nov.', and 'P.T.'.

Table titled 'Direction Generale des DOUANES EGYPTIENNES' listing duties and taxes for various goods, including 'Coton', 'Graines de Coton', and 'Riz'.

RAMLEH RAILWAY COMPANY

Table showing Ramleh Railway Company schedules and ticket prices for routes between Ramleh and other stations.

ALEXANDRIA TRAMWAY COMPANY

Table showing Alexandria Tramway Company schedules and ticket prices for routes within the city.

Table titled 'Expeditions' listing shipping schedules and cargo details for various destinations like London, Liverpool, and others.

DR. LE CLERO'S PILLS For the Liver & Kidneys. Description of the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

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A BROKEN-DOWN SYSTEM. Description of a mechanical system for industrial or agricultural use.

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Transatlantic Fire Insurance Company, Limited. The National Assurance Company of Ireland. Description of fire insurance services.

Egyptian Delta Light Railways.

Table showing Egyptian Delta Light Railways routes, stations, and schedules, including the Helouan Branch.

E.R. & F. TURNER LTD. STEAM ENGINES. Advertisement for steam engines and boilers, including horizontal, portable, and vertical models.

Orenstein & Koppel, Ltd. Portable and Permanent Railways. Advertisement for railway equipment and machinery.

Thos. Cook & Son (Egypt), Ltd. ENGINEERS, BOULAC, CAIRO, ALEXANDRIA. Advertisement for engineering services and machinery.

PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE. THE UNDERWRITERS' FIRE EXTINGUISHER. Advertisement for fire safety equipment.

ENGRAIS ORGANIQUES. CAIRO SEWAGE TRANSPORT CO., LD. Advertisement for organic fertilizers and sewage transport services.